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The Thomas Moore House, built in 1885, is an elegant country villa of the Victorian era, characterized by its asymmetrical massing, complex roofline, and its Victorian decorative detailing on both the exterior and interior. The property is located on the east side of Dr. Bird Road, directly across from Norwood Road. The T-shaped House sits back from the road, down a long drive and includes a complex of both contributing and noncontributing buildings to its rear.

The Thomas Moore House was built by Thomas Moore, who was given the tract of land by his father, upon his marriage in 1885. The Moore family were area farmers, Quakers and active members of the Sandy Spring community. The Thomas Moore House meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

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8. Statement o	f Significance
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A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
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D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
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A	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
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D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Significant Dates 1885

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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10. Geographical Data	
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The Thomas Moore House is an elegant country villa of the Victorian era. Built in 1885, it is located on the east side of Dr. Bird Road, directly across from Norwood Road. The T-shaped house sits back from the road, down a long drive and includes a complex of both contributing and non-contributing buildings to its rear.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Thomas Moore house, built in 1885, is a large Victorian frame dwelling having a T-shaped footprint and a complex roofline. It is a frame structure, set upon a stone foundation and covered with a cross gable roof with jerkin-head ends and brick chimney stacks with corbelled caps. The house is characterized by its Victorian massing and detailing, including projecting bays, dormer windows, a wrap-around porch, long and narrow, 2/2 windows, and scroll-sawn porch detailing.

Exterior:

The east elevation facing Dr. Bird Road is the principal facade formed by the intersection of the two wings forming the cross gable massing, and connected by a wrap-around porch. The north-south wing is three bays long with a side entry towards the inside bay, while the east-west, cross wing has a three-sided projecting window bay on its gable end wall. The wrap-around porch, with its chamfered wood porch posts with incised detailing and knee brackets, extends across the east elevation of the north-south wing, and around its north end.

The side entry has double doors with raised panels, and a three-light transom. The typical window opening in the main wing holds 2/2 sash, while those in the projecting bay and in the bay above the side entry have 1/1 sash.

The north elevation is two bays wide, defined by 2/2 windows in the first and second stories. Paired windows are located in the gable end, under the jerkin head overhang. The porch, which wraps around to this end wall, has a drive-through gazebo projecting from it. This gazebo has a pyramidal roof, supported by chamfered wood posts, and appears to have been more whimsical than practical.

The south elevation is divided into five long bays and could be read as the principal elevation of the house, save for the lack of entry. It is symmetrically fenestrated with a two-story, three-sided projecting bay on center, protected by a projecting cross-gable, jerkin head roof, and single, 2/2 windows in the flanking "wings." A one-story solarium bay, set upon a brick foundation, is a contemporary addition. A brick chimney stack projects from the

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Interior:

The interior of the Thomas Moore House retains a high degree of integrity and exquisite Victorian-era details. It is divided into four rooms in the two principal wings of the house. The north-south wing contains a side-passage/stair hall and parlor, while the east-west wing is divided into three rooms, including the formal parlor and dining room, as well as the service area containing the kitchen, back stairs and pantry.

The entry to the house leads directly into the stair hall. This hall is a wide room with a high Victorian, straight-flight, open-stringer stair located against the north side wall. The stair features a robust, and elaborately turned newel post, turned and tapered balusters, and scroll-sawn stringer ornament. Across from the stair and located against the south wall of the hall is a fireplace with a wood-burning stove and a heavy Victorian marbleized slate mantel. The floor features its original 2"-wide wood flooring, while the doors, all of which are five-paneled, retain their original, unpainted bulls eye corner block surrounds with narrow reeding and ogee-edged bases.

The parlor located to the north of the hall is a large room which extends the full depth of the north-south wing and looks onto the wrap-around porch on two of its three exposed sides. The room features a wood mantel on center of its south wall, and two windows, opposite, looking onto the north end of the wrap-around porch and drive-thru gazebo. The mantel in this room has fluted side pilasters, a decorated frieze board, and large wood moldilions supporting the mantel shelf with a decorative bargboard detailing. The frieze board has fluting and a central panel with raised, square pieces, forming a sort of checkerboard pattern. The doors and windows in this room all have bulls-eye corner blocks and reeded stiles.

The parlor in the east-west wing of the house occupies the east end of this wing, including the projecting bay, giving the room additional square footage and light. The room has a wood burning stove and fireplace centered against its south wall, next to the sun room addition, and double pocket doors on the west wall opening onto the dining room. The mantel is a heavy, Victorian mantel similar to that in the front hall. It is slate, but with a marbleized finish, and features incised, geometric and floral detailing on its pilasters, frieze and end brackets. Like the other rooms, the doors and windows have bulls eye corner blocks. An elegant plaster egg and dart crown molding completes the room.

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The dining room is entered through double-wide pocket doors from the parlor, or through a single door opening at the end of the hall in the north-south wing. The room features a wide, three-sided window bay in the south side of the room and fireplace opposite it on center of the north wall. This fireplace features a built-in Rumford stove and a heavy Victorian mantel with a marbleized finish and incised detailing. Next to the fireplace is a built-in china closet. Two doors, symmetrical placed on the west wall of the dining room leads into the service area and kitchen.

The second floor of the house offers a similar configuration of space and equally intact detailing. The elaborate stair continues uninterrupted to the third (or half) story, and the mantels, although wood rather than slate, are decorated with ornamental, incised detailing.

AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC BUILDINGS:

Several agricultural and domestic buildings are located behind the house and are contributing resources. These include a smokehouse, a tenant house and attached garage, a shed roof equipment shed, and a board and batten stable. Two non-contributing structures are also on the property, including an A-frame garden shed and a small frame shed.

Smokehouse: The smokehouse is located immediately behind the house to the southwest and dates to the original 1885 period of construction. It is a small brick structure with a gable roof and a single door opening in its north end. The door is paneled with a round-arched upper panel.

Tenant House and attached garage: The tenant house is a two-story, three-bay frame building covered with a gable roof and set upon a rubble stone foundation. The walls are clad with weatherboard and are fenestrated with 6/6 windows. This building may have originally been a carriage house, but has been altered as a tenant house. A two-car garage connects this building to another two-story frame structure with a garage on the first story.

Equipment Shed: A frame, shed roof equipment shed is located to the east of the house.

Stable: The stable (20th century) sits upon a concrete foundation, has board and batten walls and is covered with a gable roof. There appear to be three horse stalls in the building, though no interior inspection was conducted.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Moore House was built in 1885 by Thomas L. Moore on a tract of land deeded to him by his father, Thomas L. Moore, on the occasion of his marriage. The Thomas L. Moore House is an elegantly designed Victorian villa that enjoys a commanding view of the still rural landscape. The house retains exquisite interior detailing and has a high degree of integrity. The Thomas Moore House meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and of the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context:

The Thomas Moore House was built in 1885 on property which was originally part of Snowden's Manor Enlarged. In 1832, Isaac Scott, a Quaker, purchased a 475-3/4-acre tract of the land, as well as part of the Addition to Charley Forrest, and by 1847, had built a brick house on the site, which he dubbed Miraval. At Isaac Scott's death, Mirival was divided into three lots and bequeathed to his three children (Scott's will was probated in 1851). Isaac Scott's son, Oliver Scott inherited Lot #2, where "brick dwelling stands." In 1863, Oliver Scott sold the house and 146.5 acres to Jacob Weller. In 1865, Scott sold Weller an additional 5.3 acres, giving Weller a total of 151.8 acres of land. Two years later, Weller sold the 151.8-acre tract to Joseph T. Moore (born 1839 in Baltimore). Joseph T. Moore was a farmer who was an active member of the Sandy Spring Farmers' Club, and who served as the first president of the Maryland State Grange from 1874 to 1879.

The 1879 G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Montgomery County shows Joseph T. Moore as the owner of the land. A list of patrons in the atlas lists Moore as a farmer with 270 acres of land. In April 1885, Moore conveyed 17-1/4 acres of his land to his son, Thomas L. Moore. The deed recording this transaction informs us, "Whereas our eldest son Thomas L. Moore will shortly be married, we convey the tract designated part of Snowden's Manor Enlarged, located on the south side of Bladensburg Road, containing 17-1/4 acres to him."

According to a date stone on the house, Thomas L. Moore built the house in 1885. The new house and surrounding land was then called Rutledge. Shortly after building the house, Thomas L. Moore and his wife Dora sold it, in 1890, to a retired army surgeon named

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ When Isaac Scott made his will in 1847, a brick house stood on the property.

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Frederick W. Elbrey. After moving into the place in April 1891, Elbrey re-dubbed the property Mirival. In 1941, Elsie Elbrey Stabler, who was living in Atlanta, Georgia, sold her family's property to A.E. Anderson, from Washington, D.C.

During the second half of the 20th century, the property changed hands on several occasions. The current residents, James L. and M.E. Hooper, have owned the property since 1975. The property is now known as the Thomas Moore House, for its original builder and owner.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture, Landscape

Architecture and Community Planning

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November, 1867 Jacob Weller sold a 17.25 acres parcel to

Joseph T. Moore. This is part of the 151 acre land patent "Snowden Manor Enlarged."

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1885 Mirival House built on site by Joseph T.

Moore. (From date stone in foundation)

April, 1885 Joseph T. Moore deeded the house to his

son, Thomas L. Moore for 7,000 on the occasion of his impending marriage. (Deed

Book EBP 33 Folio 330)

November, 1890 Thomas L. Moore to Frederich W. and Elsie

Elbrey. (Deed Book JA 23 Folio 76)

Frederich W. Elbrey Died.

Elise Elbrey married Herbert Stabler.

August, 1941 Elsie Elbrey and Herbert Stabler to Arvid

and Thelma Anderson. (Deed Book 843 Folio

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March, 1956 Arvid and Thelma Anderson to Ludwig and

Fannie Caminita. 17.25 acres. (Deed Book

2183 Folio 586)

October, 1960 Ludwig and Fannie Caminita sell 5.069

acres (Parcel #1) to Otto A. Will, Jr. and

Gwen T. Will. (Deed Book 2786 Folio 145)

March, 1966 Fannie E. Caminita, divorced and unmarried

sells to her son, Ludwig Caminita, Jr. 12.181 acres of land. (Parcel #2) (Deed

Book 3482 Folio 242)

September, 1967 Otto A. Will, Jr. and Gwen T. Will sell

Parcel #1 to James L. Hooper and Martha E.

Hooper. (Deed Book 3661 Folio 222)

April, 1974 Ludwig Caminita, Jr sells Parcel #2 to

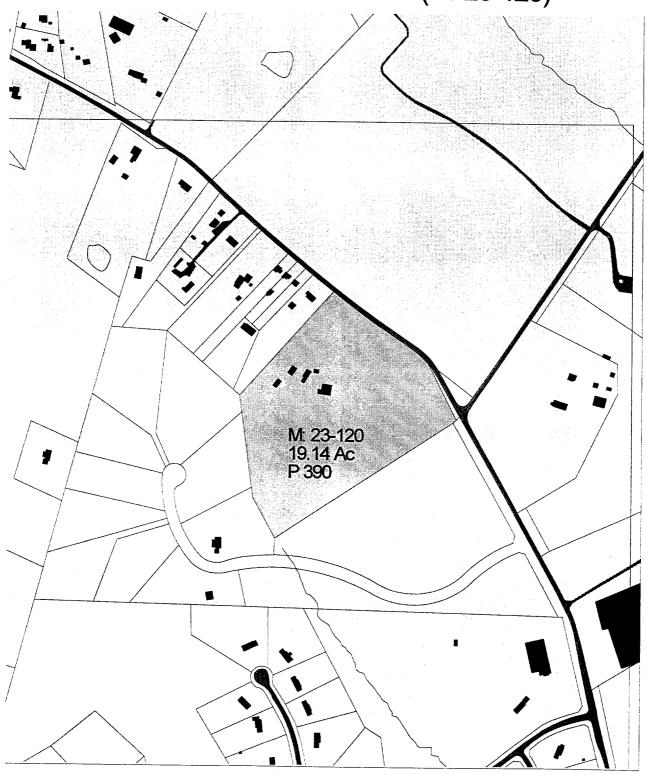
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April, 1975

James L. Hooper and Martha E. Hooper to Same (Present owners). Parcels #1 and #2 together. 19.1478 acres. (Deed Book 4633 Folio 380)

THOMAS MOORE HOUSE (M: 23-120)



Casual User Application



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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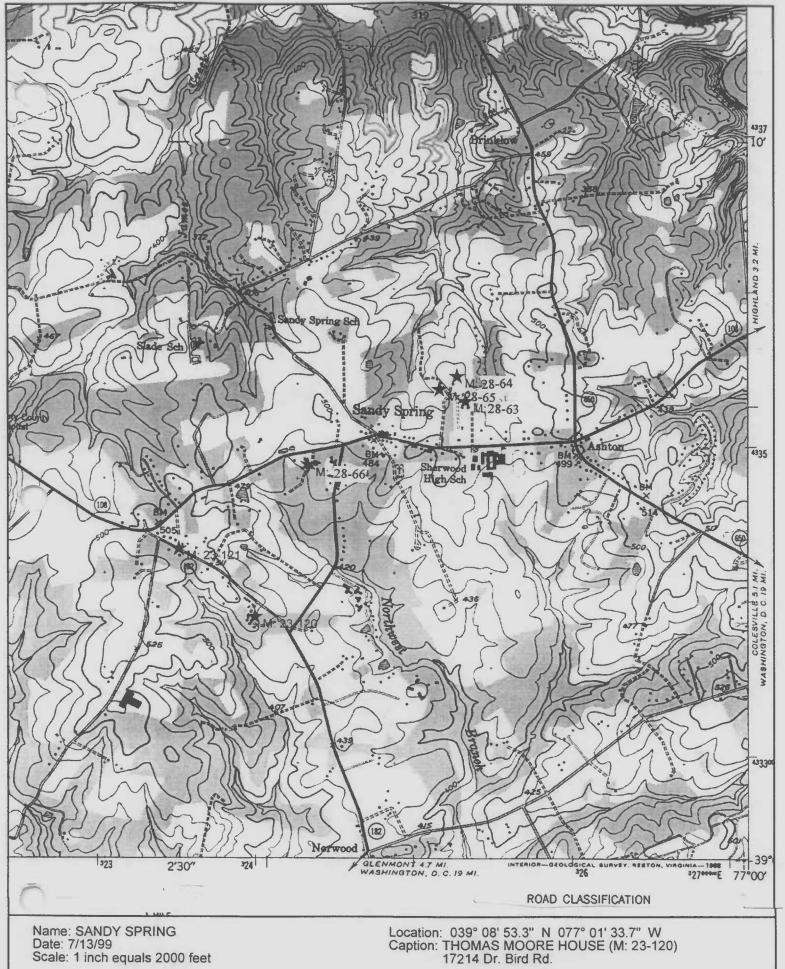
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The house is basically an L-shaped house with some modifications. Built by the Moore family in 1885, it is a good example of an elegant country villa of the Victorian era. It is a narrow structure of two stories, sheathed in German siding. The main block faces north and contains 3 bays. Large chimney stacks with several decorative drip courses extend above the south ridge of this section. There are 2 round-headed dormer windows on both the north and south. The roof overhangs on the west and northeast sections and is "lopped off" to form a jerkin-head roof at these points. An open, one-story Victorian porch surrounds the west and north facades. Joined to this on the west is a drive-through gazebo.

The east section of the house projects at the NE corner to form a two-story bay window-it extends to the rear where it drops in height to a shorter added section.

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